



KETTLEMAN CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Daniel L. Carlson Senior Engineering Geologist Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 1685 E Street Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The Board of the Kings County Community Services District (KCCSD) at its meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, voted to strongly support the Waste Management permit request to expand the B-18 hazardous waste landfill at the Kettleman Hills Facility. The Community Services District is the elected governing body for the Kettleman City community.

The KCCSD takes very seriously its responsibility on behalf of all the residents of Kettleman City. We have listened closely to all parties and have taken into consideration their comments, concerns and recommendations. The KCCSD has closely followed the permitting process for the last 8 years, including the public hearings before the Kings County Planning Commission, the Kings County Board of Supervisors and the Local Assessment Committee. After thoughtful consideration and review of the health and environmental studies and discussion with the agencies involved, the Board has taken a strong support position.

Waste Management is a critical part of the infrastructure of Kings County and the Central Valley; they provide an essential and necessary public service, namely the safe treatment and disposal of hazardous waste. Communities and cities like ours, government agencies, businesses and residents all rely on the Kettleman Hills Facility.

Waste Management has assisted the KCCSD for decades. They have been an outstanding corporate citizen and a strong supporter. Whether it be providing \$50,000 to help fund free drinking water for residents until the proposed water treatment facility comes on line or providing free bins for trash disposal or sponsoring clean-up of State Route 41 or providing holiday baskets to Kettleman City residents, Waste Management has been one of the City's and District's strongest supporters.

In addition, the Kettleman Hills Facility employs dozens of people; contributes millions in taxes, payroll, and charitable contributions and generates a positive economic impact to the Central Valley and Kettleman City.

In spite of all the benefits provided by Waste Management, if the KCCSD did not believe the Facility was safe to human health and the environment, the KCCSD would not be in support of the Kettleman Hills Facility extension.

On behalf of the Board of the Kettleman City Community Services District, we strongly urge you to grant Waste Management and the Kettleman Hills Facility the necessary permits so they can extend the life of the B-18 hazardous waste landfill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (559) 386-5866.

Respectfully submitted,

Aletha Ware

Chairperson, KCCSD

CC: Hon. Richard Valle, Supervisor, Kings County

Robert G. Henry, Senior Project Manager, Waste Management, Kettleman Hills

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